

## SECTION A ACCREDITATION STATUS

### INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

Brookdale Community College is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, the accrediting agency for all colleges in the mid-Atlantic region. The Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation. Accreditation status is reviewed every five years and re-accreditation occurs at ten-year intervals.

Brookdale was awarded an unqualified accreditation from the Middle States Visiting Team in Spring 2008. In addition to achieving complete fulfillment of all 14 standards of *The Characteristics of Excellence*, the visiting team commended Brookdale's leadership for encouraging and supporting a culture of engagement and assessment. The College was also issued commendations for clearly integrating the planning and assessment processes so that the results of assessment are used to develop plans to improve teaching, learning and institutional effectiveness.

Brookdale is certified by the State of New Jersey and the United States Department of Education to grant associate degrees to students who complete formal programs of study. All of Brookdale's A.A., A.F.A., A.S., A.A.S., and Certificate programs are approved by the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education.

### PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Nursing Program (A.A.S.) is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission and by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs, Board of Nursing.

The Radiologic Technology (A.A.S.) program is accredited by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).

The Respiratory Therapy Program (A.A.S.) is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoArc).

### PROGRAM APPROVAL OR CERTIFICATION

The GM-ASEP and Toyota T-Ten options of the Automotive Technology program are certified by the National Automotive Technicians Foundation (NATEF).

The Paralegal Studies Program (A.A.S.) is approved by the American Bar Association, Standing Committee on Legal Assistants.